

From thence, we were carried In a canoe to a tanner's house, which standeth a little from the city\*

The next morning, two friars and two priests came thither to us, and willed us " to bless ourselves, and say our prayers in the Latin tongue, that they might understand us." Many of our company did so.

Whereupon, they returned to the Viceroy, and told him that " We were good Christians ! and that they liked us well,"

Then they brought us much relief, with clothes. Our sick men were sent to their hospitals; where many were cured, and many died.

From the tanner's house, we were led to a gentleman's place ; where, upon pain of death, we were charged to abide, and not to come into the city. Thither, we had all things necessary brought us. On Sundays and holidays, much people came, and brought us great lehef.

The Viceroy practised [*endeavoured*] to hang us, and caused a pair of new gallows to be set up, to have executed us; whereunto the noblemen of the country would not consent, but prayed him to stay until the Ship of Advice brought news from the King of Spain, what should be done with us: for they said, "They could not find anything by us, whereby they might lawfully put us to death."<sup>19</sup>

The Viceroy then commanded us to be sent to an island thereby, and he sent for the Bishop of Mexico : who sent four priests to the island to examine and confess us; who said, " The Viceroy would [*wished to*] burn us."

When we were examined and confessed, according to the laws of the country; they returned to the Bishop, and told him that " We were very good Christians ! " The Bishop certified the Viceroy of our examinations and confessions; and said that " We were good Christians! therefore he would not meddle with us."

Then the Viceroy sent for our Master [*i.e., of the Jesus*], R. BARRET ; whom he kept prisoner in his Palace until the Fleet was departed for Spain. The rest of us he sent to a town seven leagues from Mexico, called Tescuco, to card wool among the Indian slaves: which drudgery we disdained, and concluded to beat our masters ; and so we did. Wherefore they sent to the Viceroy, desiring him "for GOD's sake